(d) what were the considerations and objectives under which those members were selected;

(e) what is the term *tit* reference 3f the committee *akmgmta* the details of guidelines given to the committee;

(If)'whether "any criteria-for identification" of. drugs have been provided t_0 the committee; and

(g) if so, what are the details theerof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND FETRp-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH?!: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The names of the Members of the Committee as partially modified on 2nd March, 1987 are, given in the enclosed statement. *ISee* Starred Question 169 supra]. They have been included in the Committee on the basis of their expertise and contribution In the field of * Industrial Costs and Prices, Pharma-j cology, Food and Drug Administrationand Medicines.

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(e) to (g) Government has announced measures for rationalisation, quality con-fro] and growth of the drugs and pharmaceutical industry in the country, copies of wfoich are available in the parliament Library. In persuance thereof the Committee has been constituted to identify drugs to be included in Category ii

Unsatisfactory programme of Mogas plants

97L SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact, 4hat a large number of biogas plants installed in various States are not functioning and huge quantity of financial assistance provided for them has bean wasted;

(b) if so what are the reasons there-tor;

(c) what percentage of biogas plants installed so far are not functioning and What was the approximate financial sub- ' sidy provided for them by the" Union and state Governments respectively;

(d) what steps are being token by Gov-ernment to repair these biogas plants which We not functioning; and

(e) what action, has- been taken by Government *to* minimise the" percentage of failure in biogas plants?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND,, THE MINISTER OF STEEL ' AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (e) to (c) No, Sir.

Evaluation survey study conducted byfive independent agencies Indicate that on an' average about 15 percent of plant* installed were non-functional at a giventime. Installation of family based biogas plants is highly decentralised programme. A small percentage of biogas plants re? main non-functional at a given time.

The amount*of Central, subsidy varies according to the capacity of the plants and category of beneficiaries; functionality of biogas plants depends upon many factors which *Mer-alia,* include structural defects, simple operational problems and exteirnal actors like drought, floods liti-. gation, etc. Besides, some State Governments are also providing additional subsidy. Therefore, it may not be feasible to indicate the subsidy provided for setting up of plants which are non-functional at any given time.

(d> Government has taken various steps to revive non-functional plants *Viz*-provision of grants upto, Rs. 500 per de-fective. plant for repair. of structural defects, organisation. of one-day Users / Training Courses in operation and maintenance of biogas plants, organisation of practical training for village mason? and technicians in me construction of biogas plants, and provision $_D$f turn-key job fee at the rate of Rs. 300 per plant for construction on turn-key basis with a mnji-nvirn nf two years' warranty^ period. Higher reoair chages are also being given On case by' case" basis..

(•) To further minimise the extent of non-functional. plants, Government has takes various measures, such a cbntinu* ous and vigorous, monitoring of biogas plants through State Government nodal agencies, independent evaluation studies, establishment of Regional Project Offices of Department of Non-Conventional, Energy Sources and monitoring cells in many States. Seven Regional Biogas Training and Development Centres have been establishes for providing technical and training support and financial assistance is given for creation of organisational infrastructure in the field specifically for Woga^ programme.

Bonds for the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project

972. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will die Minister Of ENERGY be *pleased* \ state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have refused permission to float, bonds for the Jiakreshwar Thermal Power Project-,

(b) if «o, what are the' reasons for such refusal; and

(c) whether the proposed decision will deprive the local industry from reaping;
any benefit form the Rs. 600 crore pro ject as all the equipments will now be imported form U. S. S. R. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER* IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI* SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The present scheme. of floating Bonds introduced by the Central Gdvenfment is confined to Central Public Sector Undertakings, primarily in the infrastructure fields. The question of extending the facility to financially viable State Undertakings in similar fields will be decided by Government after sufficient experience has been gained in the operation of the scheme and in the' light of the overall resources position of the Central Government in relation to its commitments.

(c) The question of import of equipment for the nroposed Bakreshwaf Thermal Power Project would arise only after the offers received for implementing the project have been assessed by Government and investment approval hat been. accorded to the project

mangalore Reftnery

3. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANK-KER:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
'". SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI V- NARAYANASAMY:

WiM fthe Minster ff PETROLEUM * AND NATURAL GAS. be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of private lec tor companies which have been selected for Joint Sector Refinery at Mangatare;
and

(b) the time by when work will com mence on thig, refinery?

THE MINISTER/dF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER'OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY
, OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) M[s, Indian Rayon Corporation Ltd. have been selected as the private sector co-promoter with whom
, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation! has been asked to prepare a Detailed Project-Report for the petrochemical refinery at Mangalore. They will also. enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (and the work on the DPR will commence after the M. O. U. is arrived a*.

Light Commercial Vechicle Indkulry

974. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state. -

(a) whether the Light- Commercial Vehicle industry is facing a recession and if so, what are the reasons therefor l and the steps being taken by Government to meet the situation;